

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12, line 2, change "any preceding claim;" to -- claim 1; --.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Zawilski on 7/29/2008.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: Applicants' arguments accompanying the Amendment of 4/29/2008 have been found convincing. Furthermore, it is the opinion of the Examiner that the claimed combinations found within Independent Claims 1, 10 and 14 are not disclosed nor suggested by the Prior Art of Record. More specifically it's the claimed combinations found in Claims 1 and 14, which include the specifically connected FETs and for the claimed combination found in Claim 10, which includes the high-side control circuitry operation capability when the voltage on the common substrate is at least 1V above the voltage on the ground terminal and the low-side control circuitry operation capability when the voltage on the common substrate is close to the voltage on the ground terminal.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RONALD W. LEJA whose telephone number is (571)272-2053. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571)272-2800. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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